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May 18, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT THE DONATION OF \$102,200 FROM THE
FRIENDS OF NORWALK STATION FOUNDATION
(4th DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept the Friends of Norwalk Station Foundation's donation of \$102,200 for the purpose of improving the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Norwalk Station.
2. Send a letter expressing appreciation to the Friends of Norwalk Station Foundation for their generous gift of \$102,200.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The donated money will be used to construct an additional structure to the existing station building to accommodate lockers for deputies' equipment. Deputies currently store their necessary equipment either in their wardrobe locker or in their personal vehicle. The equipment bags are usually the size of a large duffle bag and can weigh as much as 40 pounds.

The improvement will provide deputies with the space to store their gear in a structure located close to their patrol vehicles and will minimize future injuries resulting from carrying heavy objects up and down the stairs.

There are currently 197 sworn personnel assigned to Norwalk Station who would benefit from this much needed improvement.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Acceptance of this donation promotes Strategic Goal #1, Service Excellence, as this donation will further demonstrate the value of a public/private partnership that improves County services to the citizens of Los Angeles County. This donation also promotes Strategic Goal #4, Fiscal Responsibility, by saving the County the cost of upgrading Norwalk Station.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Sheriff's Facilities Services Bureau will provide the labor at no cost. The donated funds will be utilized for materials only.

Acceptance of this donation will have a positive impact to the County as it will save the County the costs for upgrading Norwalk Station and potentially mitigate future injury claims from carrying heavy equipment bags.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

State law authorizes the acceptance of gifts for specific County purposes in Government Code Section 25355.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Approval of the recommended action will have no effect on the government.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

There will be no negative impact on current Sheriff's services or projects during the performance of the recommended upgrade.

Please contact Captain Ralph J. Webb, Norwalk Sheriff's Station, at (562) 466-5411 with any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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